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Gentlemen:

CONCURRENCE REQUESTED ON DOE'S APPROACH TO PRIVATIZE DECONTAMINATION LAUNDRY SERVICES, CHANGE REQUEST TO CONSENT ORDER NO. DE-91NM-177, AND POTENTIAL MODIFICATION TO THE PROPOSED TPA MILESTONE M-17-35

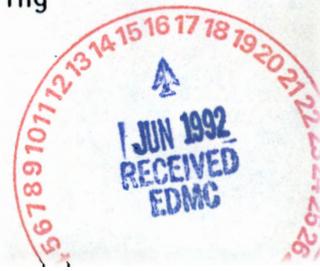
On January 10, 1992, the Department of Energy, Richland Field Office (RL), provided your staff with an early notification of RL's plans to seek offsite commercial decontamination laundry services. RL also committed to proceeding with the definitive design of the onsite Decontamination Laundry Facility (DLF) under the proposed Milestone M-17-35A in the proposed Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (TPA), until a contract for offsite commercial services is awarded. If a contract for the commercial services cannot be obtained, construction of the onsite DLF would be completed in accordance with the schedule prescribed in the proposed TPA. The acquisition of commercial services would further the goal of minimizing waste generation and effluent reduction at the Hanford Site and would be consistent with the underlying goals of the Liquid Effluent Consent Order No. DE-91NM-177 (Order).

Commercial bids to perform the laundry services were submitted to RL on March 6, 1992. RL is now in the final stages of evaluating the bids and should be in a position to issue an award of the contract in several weeks. With such a contract in place, the DLF would not be needed. In that event, proposed TPA Milestone M-17-35 and Milestones M-17-35A through M-17-35D, as identified in the current TPA Change Package (No. 17-91-05), and the related milestones currently set forth in the Order would no longer be required.

RL will not take any action that will prevent the proposed TPA milestones from being met until DOE's final decision on privatization is reached, and until this change request to the Order and the potential changes to the currently proposed TPA Milestone M-17-35 are approved by all parties. To allow timely conduct of this activity, RL seeks Ecology's and EPA's concurrence in the proposed course of action described in the following paragraphs.

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We request that the Order be modified by inclusion of an additional Section 11 which provides as follows:

Section 11: Decontamination Laundry Facilities

Upon written notification by USDOE to Ecology that USDOE has made a decision to obtain future laundry services from an offsite commercial source rather than through construction and operation of a new onsite laundry facility, performance of the milestones and interim restrictions relating to the new Decontamination Laundry Facility (200-E) shall no longer be required.

We would also request that if the currently proposed M-17 Change Package is ready for signature prior to a written notice being sent to Ecology and EPA concerning our decision to obtain commercial laundry services, then we propose addition of a sentence or footnote to the Change Package similar to the above sentence. It would read as follows:

Upon written notification by USDOE to Ecology and EPA that USDOE has made a decision to obtain future laundry services from an offsite commercial source rather than through construction and operation of a new onsite laundry facility, performance of the milestones and interim restrictions relating to the new Decontamination Laundry Facility (200-E) shall no longer be required.

If DOE's decision to use the commercial service is provided to Ecology and EPA before the currently proposed M-17 Change Package is signed, then the proposed Milestone M-17-35 and Milestones M-17-35A through M-17-35D should be deleted from the Change Package.

Please note that the TPA Milestone M-17-34 and the requirement in the Order to cease discharges of the 2724-W Laundry wastewater to the 216-W-LWC Crib by January 1995, would not be impacted by this request. If the new offsite commercial laundry services become fully operational prior to January 1995, the cease-discharge milestone (M-17-34) will be accelerated to the fully operational date of such laundry services.

Given the need to gain your written concurrence on this proposed approach to modify the proposed TPA milestones before the commercial laundry contract is awarded, a response from you within a week would be appreciated.

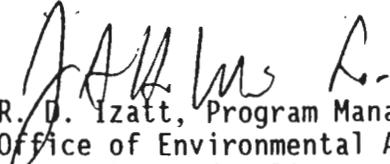
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If you have any questions or request clarification of any of the proposed actions, please call Steve Wisness on (509) 376-6798.

Sincerely,

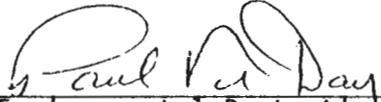

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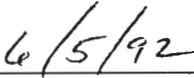
The undersigned concur with the proposed course of action described in this letter to modify Consent Order DE-91NM-177 and milestone M-17-35 and milestones M-17-35A through M-17-35D of the Tri-Party Agreement.

State of Washington
Department of Ecology

Date

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 Environmental Protection
 Agency - Region 10



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* EPA Region 10 does not object to the concept or language specified in this letter. DOE has kept us well informed of its intent on this issue. However, we would like to add the following clarification which we believe represents the intent of all three parties. Irrespective of the option selected by DOE, (commercial laundry contract or new laundry facility in 200 East) it is EPA's understanding that all liquid discharges to the soil from the existing 200 West laundry facility will cease by January 1995. 

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